



# LARC



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## January 2011 President's Message

Happy New Year to all. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas. Jim and I had a wonderful Christmas Day with family. The weather was crisp and cold, the way I like it.

This past year has been a challenge for me as Club President. I've learned a lot more about ham radio and also how friendly the club members are. I felt like the first woman president in a man's world, which I was. Thank you for being so kind and helpful. I have been honored to be your 2010 club president. Working together and with much planning and discussion we got several things done this past year:

- A. I must say our Hamfest was a great success. The crawfish were wonderful.
- B. We had an interesting Field Day. All went well.
- C. Some of the AARA Club members participated in the Enduro Bike Race near Cravens, LA.
- D. The Moody Company gave a home to the W5DDL 146.82 repeater on Chase Towers in downtown Lafayette.
- E. Roland moved our website from Fat Cow to QTH.com and everything seems to be working OK.
- F. We made the decision to keep AMOS and fix all that needed to be fixed.

The lunar eclipse was interesting for many people. Jim set his alarm so he could watch it. I just let him tell me about it. I remember my grandmother telling me about Halley's Comet. She had seen it in 1910. She told me it would return in about fifty years. It did return in 1986. The next time it will appear is 2062.

Our hamfest is just about three months away. I got word from Randy Castille N5MLJ saying he has declined chairmanship. Roland NA5Q has volunteered to do it one last time if no one else volunteers.

Nick Pugh orchestrated the balloon launch for December which failed on it's first try and will be tried at a later date.

The January 2011 AARA General Meeting will take place on the first Thursday (January 6th, 2011) at 7:00 PM. I think the meeting will be very interesting. The nominating committee will make recommendations for the slate of possible officers for the year 2011-2012.

The February meeting will consist of taking nominations from the floor and having the election. New officers will be installed at the March General Meeting which will be on the Thursday following the AARA Hamfest in Rayne, LA.

Have a Happy New Year to all.

73,

Irma Bookter KE5UPK

AARA Club President



## ARRL LA SECTION HAM OF THE YEAR 2010

**Congratulations:** Herman KN5GRK, has been selected ARRL Louisiana Section Ham of the Year 2010. This is in recognition of his faithful service for ARRL, the Louisiana Section and Amateur Radio. There were many very worthy nominations. Herman was selected from the group by a committee from the Section Cabinet as the one most deserving.

Gary Stratton K5GLS  
Louisiana Section Manager

## Editor's Comment

Do you like to surf the web for ham radio information? I do! Would you like to know what sites other people frequent? I do!

How about sending me your unique web sites that you enjoy visiting to share with the other club members. Send me your favorite podcast site, your favorite project building site, DXing site, weather site, etc. and I will post it in the newsletter.

Here's two podcast sites that I have been listening to. Check them out.

<http://www.soldersmoke.com/>

<http://myamateurradio.com/>

How about a good book that you just finished. Send it in!

Galen Wilson KF5BET  
LARC Editor

Check out the ARRL Louisiana Section Web Page at:  
<http://www.laarrrl.org>

**DATES TO REMEMBER****REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday January 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM  
 VE Testing @ 6:00 PM  
 Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.  
 Scott, LA

**HAMFEST SCHEDULE**

Southeast LA Amateur Radio Club  
 (SELARC) Jan. 8th, 2011

**Local 2-Meter Nets****Sunday**

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM  
 146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

**Monday**

AARA Net 7:00 PM  
 146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

**Tuesday**

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM  
 145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

**Wednesday (now cancelled)**

Vermillion Parish ARES Net 8:00 PM  
 147.060 Abbeville, LA

**Friday**

HEAL Net 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays Only 1:00 PM  
 146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

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 each month at 7:00 p.m. at the  
 American Red Cross Building  
 101 North Pat Street Scott, LA

**CAPE:****CrawSat III — Failed Launch and Re-launch**

(22 Dec 2010) First of all I just want to thank everyone who came out this morning to help launch the Weather Balloon. I know today didn't exactly go as planned or at all as planned actually. But you guys were great. Special round of thanks for Chase and Ethan for going to incredible lengths to recover the package.



To those who were not present, or missed what actually happened, here is a brief synopsis I got from the launch team when they returned to the lab: It would appear, the weight of the package, and ping pong balls was too great for the weather balloon set aside for us. The weather balloon was designed for payloads up to 5 lbs, we had the payload exceed that, and the package ended up pulling the balloon down in the Lake Charles Airport in a brush of trees. Thanks to the launch team turned recovery team, we were able to retrieve the balloon package and parachute virtually unscathed by cutting down the tree with a chainsaw borrowed from the airport. Sadly we lost the cut-down mechanism somehow.



Needless to say, we will attempt a re-launch. At the moment, we will be shooting for a January 8th, 2011 launch, and rerunning a few tests on electronics.

Special thanks to Ashley Yelverton for some amazing photos of launch day. Below are a few pictures, for the full gallery of photos by Ashley and more information go to:

[www.facebook.com/pages/AshleyIsabellePhotography/112964168719186?](http://www.facebook.com/pages/AshleyIsabellePhotography/112964168719186?)

Stay tuned for updates on a January 8th, 2011 Launch!

Nick K5QXJ



## December 2010 AARA MEETING MINUTES (edited)

### CLUB MEETING: (ANNUAL CLUB BANQUET)

- The meeting was opened by the President Irma KE5UPK.
- The opening prayer was by the PIO Herman KN5GRK.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.
- There were 30+ members and guests in attendance.

**Minutes:** The November Minutes were not read, due to being posted in the December LARC Newsletter.

**Financial Report:** Copies of the December treasurer's report may be obtained by members from Joy Breaux, N5YCS at: [n5ycs@w5ddl.org](mailto:n5ycs@w5ddl.org)

### Door Prizes:

1. Joy N5YCS an ARRL Experimenters' Handbook
2. Jim N5NVP a Bundle of Cable Tie Wraps
3. Larry KE5KJD a Bundle of Cable Tie Wraps
4. Glen KD5NVC a Bundle of Cable Tie Wraps

A motion to adjourn the Meeting was made by Rick N5RLM and seconded by Danny KD5JSM. The club voted, and the ayes were in the majority.

At this point everyone enjoyed the Annual Club Banquet.

Respectfully Submitted  
Paul D. Scallan, Sr. K5VSH  
Secretary, AARA



## 30th Annual HAMMOND HAMFEST

**Date:** Saturday, January 8, 2011

**Time:** 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Location:** SLU University Center,  
800 W. University Avenue,  
Hammond, LA.

**Free Admission - Free Parking**

**Talk-in:** 147.000 (-600) WB5NET  
PL 107.2

### GRAND PRIZES

1st - Icom IC-718 HF Transceiver.

2nd - Icom IC-208H Dual Band  
Mobile.

3rd - Icom IC-V8000 2 m HT.

4th - Icom IC-V80 Sport 2 m HT.

Need not be present for these prizes.

### Hourly Door Prizes:

Need to be present for these prizes.

### FORUMS

ARRL, LCARC, QRPCI, ARES,  
YLRL

VE Testing: 8:30 AM

Swap & Vendor Tables Available

### VENDORS

Cedar City Sales, Sign Man of Baton Rouge, MCM Computers, Palmetto Antennas, Regal-Brown

### Contact:

Tyrone Burns N5XES @ 985-351-8315. Voice Mail: SELARC.

[hamfest@gmail.com](mailto:hamfest@gmail.com) or

[wb5net@arrl.net](mailto:wb5net@arrl.net)

### Website:

<http://www.selarc.org/selarchamfest.htm>

## THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

A huge round of applause and thanks goes out to Herman Campbell, KN5GRK for graciously being the LARC newsletter editor in past years. Herman has been very dedicated to the efforts required to put together a top notch class A newsletter for the club members' enjoyment. **THANKS HERMAN!** Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Herman has agreed to remain the PIO (public information officer) for the club and will still be active in "reporting" for the newsletter. If any other members have anything that they would like included in the newsletter, please email the information to Galen Wilson, KF5BET at [galenw@cox.net](mailto:galenw@cox.net) to be included in the next months' newsletter. Thanks again Herman for the outstanding job as editor!



## 2011 NEW ROADS MARDI GRAS PARADE

The City of New Roads has asked for Amateur Radio assistance with the New Roads Mardi Gras Parades. I invite all hams that can participate to come to New Roads with your families and enjoy our two Mardi Gras Parades. The Community Parade is the oldest parade outside of New Orleans. The Lions Club Parade has 30 to 40 floats along with marching bands. The normal population of New Roads is just under 5000 and on Mardi Gras Day the city boosts to over 60,000. Normal commercial communications is quickly overburdened and the public service radio is very busy. Help is needed throughout the parade route to help spectators with emergencies get the information where it needs to be. Hams are also used in the parade to provide communications from the head of the parade to the reviewing stand to help the parades flow smoothly. We ask those that plan on coming to contact the Pointe Coupee ARES Emergency Coordinator, Kirk, KN1B at [kn1b@bellsouth.net](mailto:kn1b@bellsouth.net). Those hams participating are asked to be in New Roads by 9 am. The day is usually concluded between 5 pm and 6 pm. Please come and have fun while being a Ham. The command post will be in front of City Hall on the green. Talk in will be on the 146.180+ (no tone) repeater.

Thank you,

Kirk Brown, KN1B  
Pointe Coupee Parish ARES  
Emergency Coordinator

## Be a Star! Enter the ARRL Video Contest

If you've ever wanted a way to show the world how exciting Amateur Radio can be, here's your chance: The ARRL is sponsoring its first-ever video contest! We are looking for ARRL members to shoot and submit videos that showcase how fun and electrifying our hobby is; extra points will be awarded for a video showing someone, young or old, licensed or not, making their first contact. Videos will be judged on overall quality and composition, and prizes will be awarded. The video author/producer must be an ARRL member; however, the people who appear in your video can be non-members. This contest is intended for *amateur* videographers. If you are a professional, please do not apply. Check out all the details -- including the fine print -- on the ARRL Video Contest Rules and Guidelines Web page: <http://www.arrl.org/video-contest>



### 2011 BIRTHDAYS

1/5	ARCHIE	W5AG
1/9	JACK	KE5LAY
1/10	DAVID	N5EEH
1/20	STRATOS	KE5I
1/20	PAUL	KE5IXR
1/26	WAYNE	W5YNE
2/3	JIM	N5NVP
2/4	WESTON	KB5WI

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

**2011**  
*Happy New Year!*

## January 2011 Special Events & Contests

<b>Jan 1 thru 31</b>	<b>Straight Key Century Club.</b> CW 14.050, 10.120, 7.055, 3.550
<b>Jan 6 &amp; 7</b>	<b>Great Outdoors Radio Club (GORC)</b> 14.070, 14.035, 7.035, 3.535 Celebrating the first demonstration of the telegraph in US.
<b>Jan 8</b>	<b>Gulf Amateur Radio Society</b> 28.372, 21.372, 14.272, 7.272 Celebrating the signing of Florida's Constitution.
<b>Jan 8</b>	<b>Michigan City Amateur Radio Club</b> 14.240, 7.240, 3.940, 14.070 PSK. 2011 Boy Scout Klondike Derby
<b>Jan 8</b>	<b>USS Midway (CV41) Museum Radio Operations Room.</b> SSB 14.320, 7.250, D-STAR 012C 2m/70cm. First ship underway on nuclear power (1954).
<b>Jan 10 thru 20</b>	<b>Radio Club D' Haiti</b> Remembering Haiti Earthquake of Jan 12, 2010. Frequency and times will be announced on 14.300 (Inter-Con and MM Net Frequency)
<b>Jan 29</b>	<b>Santa Fe Trail Amateur Radio Club</b> 14.250, 7.250, 10.120 Celebrating the 150th Birthday of Kansas.

Refer to the January issue of QST (page 93) for additional information and more listings of contests and special events Stations.



## December 2010 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	4	25	Ø	19	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	4	27	Ø	46	KF5CNU Grant
Acadiana ARES Net	4	14	2	37	N5LRZ Ray
Vermilion Parish ARES Ne5	3	11	Ø	45	KE5JXC Arnold
HEAL Net      *(M=Medical G=Guest)	2	* M 6 / G 9	Ø	17	KE5JKD Larry

“Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man.” Benjamin Franklin

### Herman's New Year's Message

I send my Greetings to all for a "Happy New Year". I hope your Christmas and New Year Holidays were great for You and Family. 2010 was not such a bad year for me as far as health, finance, and minor problems, if 2011 is as good, I will be happy!

As for 2011, I would like to see more involvement in club activities. Our club nets and meetings seem to be dropping in attendance and hopefully we can do something to stimulate the younger ones to be more active. Looking into the future, Louisiana will be celebrating their bi-centennial in April, 2012 and the 100th anniversary of adopting the State Flag in 1912. This could be a "BIG" thing for our club and other state clubs to get involved in some Special Event Stations. We could set up a Special Event Station at our 2012 Hamfest or maybe get permission from the Tourist Information Center on the Evangeline Highway to let us set up there during Tourist Appreciation Week.

The January 6, 2011 General Meeting should be a very interesting meeting. The Nominating Committee for officers for the upcoming year will give their report and nominations from the floor will be held. Elections will be held in February, and new officers will be installed after the March Hamfest. The AARA Monday Night Net manager, Grant KF5CNU, will announce the top check-ins from the year 2010, and a Chairperson for the Hamfest will be selected. I also will have some surprises.

I would like to thank Galen Wilson for taking over as "New" LARC Editor, I am sure he will do a great job with the help of his two amateur daughters as "cub reporters". I will continue to help in any way I can. I will still mail out the "hard copies" by snail mail and continue as Public Information Officer.

Nick and the ULL CAPE Team will attempt another Balloon Launch in mid January 2011. Will keep you informed.

I would also like to express my "THANKD" to all of you that helped in getting me the honor of being granted the "Amateur Radio Operator of 2010 for the ARRL Louisiana Section".

Hope to see you at the meeting.

Herman  
KN5GRK



### Dues Time

It's that time of the year when you should think of renewing your AARA club membership for the 2010-2011 year. You can go to our club webpage at: <http://www.w5ddl.org> and click on "Membership Application" to download a Adobe Acrobat .pdf form.

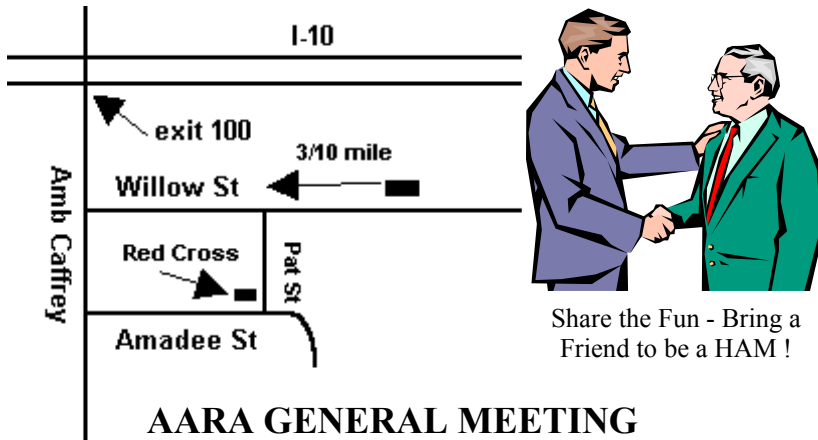
Fill it all out and mail it in!

### Club Elections

Know of anyone that you would like to see as an officer in the AARA? If so, talk to that person and if he/she is willing, present it to the Nominating Committee at the January meeting. February is our election meeting and new officers will be installed at the March meeting after the Rayne Hamfest.

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## **AARA GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 - 7:00 PM**

**VE Testing @ 6:00 PM**

**Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA**

**Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM - 2:00 PM**

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA

Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

**COMPLIMENTARY  
ISSUE**

## **Pizza Snack Cups**

From: Just For Kids Cookbook

Submitted by: Kendra Wilson KF5FY5

- 1 can (12 ounces) refrigerated biscuits
- 1/2 lb ground beef
- 1 jar (14 oz) Ragu Pizza Quick Sauce
- 1/2 cup Shredded Mozzarella Cheese
- Any additional pizza toppings



### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

\* Pre-Heat Oven to 375 degrees F. In 12 cup muffin pan, evenly press each biscuit in bottom and up side of each cup; chill until ready to fill.

\* In a 10-inch skillet, brown ground beef over medium high heat; drain. Stir in Ragu Pizza Sauce and heat through.

\* Evenly spoon beef mixture into prepared muffin cups. Add any additional toppings. Bake 15 minutes. Sprinkle with cheese and bake an additional 5 minutes or until cheese is melted and biscuits are golden. Gently remove pizza cups from muffin pan and serve.

Send your favorite recipe to:  
Galen Wilson KF5BET - LARC Editor  
[galenw@cox.net](mailto:galenw@cox.net)



## **FCC Information Service**

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

**[ulscomm@fcc.gov](mailto:ulscomm@fcc.gov)**

FCC Website:

**<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>**

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

**<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>**

The mailing address to the FCC is:

Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245